

HOUSE No. 1614

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and others relative to the civil commitment of women for alcoholism or substance abuse at the Framingham Correctional Institution. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Kay Khan	Barbara A. L'Italien
Ellen Story	David B. Sullivan
Anne M. Paulsen	Shirley Owens-Hicks
Deborah D. Blumer	David Paul Linsky
Kathleen M. Teahan	Cynthia Stone Creem
Peter V. Kocot	Richard T. Moore
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL COMMITMENT OF WOMEN FOR ALCOHOLISM OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AT A CERTAIN FACILITY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7 of Chapter 111B of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding at the end thereof the following: The department shall
4 ensure that no female is committed to the Massachusetts correc-
5 tional institution, Framingham for rehabilitative purposes pursuant
6 to this section or pursuant to section 35 of chapter 123 of the Gen-
7 eral Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Said Section 7 of said Chapter 111B of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking

3 out, in lines 27-28, the following words:— or to the Massachu-
4 setts correctional institution, Framingham.

1 SECTION 3. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in line 43 the
3 words “or at Framingham, if a female”.

1 SECTION 4. Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out in line
3 60, the words “and Framingham”.

1 SECTION 5. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123, as so
2 appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 59,
3 the word “institutions” and inserting in place thereof the word
4 “institution”.

1 SECTION 6. Said Section 35 of said Chapter 123 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding
3 the following paragraph:—
4 The department of public health shall establish and maintain no
5 less than fifteen secure treatment beds for females to meet the
6 requirements of this section.